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Glen Park Books Surviving—So Far

Denis Wade

In an era when big discount chains are gobbling up the business that once kept small neighborhood shops thriving, who'd have believed that a little, independent bookstore could survive in Glen Park? Fortunately for the neighborhood, two women had faith that they could buck the trend. In April 1995, Pat Cull and Jill Gasowski opened Glen Park Books in a brand-new storefront on Diamond Street.

What could these women have been thinking? They're surrounded by SuperCrown, Borders and other book chains that have forced many neighborhood bookstores to close. Even Costco sells books. And now there's that heavily promoted online bookseller—"earth's biggest bookstore," with 2.5 million titles just a few mouse clicks away.

So surviving for three years in a tiny neighborhood shopping area is a respectable feat for two entrepreneurs who never operated a retail business before, much less a bookstore. (Pat is a skilled carpenter, Jill a longtime planning and finance employee of the phone company.) But as Glen Park Books approaches its third anniversary, its future is very much in question.

In November, regular customers received a flyer: "Due to a slow summer and less-than-usual fall sales, we are extremely concerned about the survival of Glen Park Books," Jill and Pat wrote. "We need to have a very good holiday season in order to stay in business for the coming year."

So far, so good. "The community jumped in to make this the best holiday season the bookstore has had," they reported, thus assuring the store's survival for "the near future." But January sales were down, not surprisingly with customers beset by rain and post-holiday bills. A slow spring and summer could mean the end.

Would that be a great loss? After all, the Glen Park Branch of the public library is just around the corner. "They're a real vital part of the neighborhood," says Jane Hudson, our library branch manager. "[Dealing] with people who love books and know books, you get the kind of service you can't get at most big chains." The library sends people to the bookstore, and vice versa. Pat and Jill were hoping local schools would send students, too. To date, only St. John's school has provided its reading list; pupils get 10 percent off the books on the St. John's shelf.

Glen Park Books discounts all Chronicle best-sellers 10 percent, and teachers get 10 percent off all books. Each month a whole category of books is 10 percent off (February's category is tied to Black History Month). When you buy $100 worth of merchandise, the computer rings up a $7 credit on your next purchase. The computer also helps make up for limited shelf space. Jill and Pat can look up and order any book, and have it for you when their delivery comes the next Tuesday.

Count up the cost and stress of driving and parking to shop at a chain, and the neighborhood store a pleasant walk down the hill becomes an

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Photo by Z. Nordstrom

Community Festival Report: A Hit!

Zoanne Nordstrom

The Glen Park Association's Second Annual Community Festival was a smash hit. This year the Festival was expanded by the closure of Diamond Street between Bosworth and Chenery, which made more space for booths and more walking-around room for festival visitors.

Grownups wandered around to inform themselves of community services, watched entertainment by the Rob Flowers Band and the Thaxton King Band, and purchased items from vendors at booths or from merchants who had goods to sell. Children were busily at work on crafts with Barbara Capitan, or working on the Neighborhood Mural with Laine and Joel Schiffer, or playing games with Emily Badran and Chelsea Swank. The talking police car was there, as was a fire truck from SFFD, giving us a close-up look at the City's finest equipment and personnel.

Candace Irving and her family demonstrated pumpkin carving on the pumpkins brought from Half Moon Bay by John Dahlen. Richard Craib also drove to Half Moon Bay and picked up the hay bales used for decoration and the fall festival spirit; Richard also made our Community Festival banner.

Doug Betten sold our spaces, and Cal Fed donated money and sponsored some of the nonprofits and public agencies who had no budget for buying booth space (NERT, SPCA, MUNI and Rec and Park) so they could get information out to the community.

Mary and Kevin Janssen worked miracles with the raffle, garnering lots of fabulous prizes. Thank you to the participating Glen Park merchants and other businesses who donated prizes.

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attractive alternative.

Although it is one of the city's smallest commercial enclaves, Glen Park's business district is the focal point of our neighborhood. Typical neighborhood businesses like laundromats and video stores have come and gone, and come again. But we're down to one bank, and we're fortunate to still have amenities (a bookstore, library, hardware store, florist, etc.) that have vanished from many larger neighborhoods.

A trite phrase applies: use it or lose it. Neighborhood patronage will determine if Glen Park residents will continue to be able to buy a book, a carriage bolt or a bouquet without driving across town.

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The really good news is that we made enough money to sponsor 23 children for Silver Tree Day Camp this year, and the Association is working with Rec and Park to identify children from underserved neighborhoods who would like to attend but who have not heen able to come to camp in previous years. This was one of the major goals of the Festival, and we are proud to have achieved it.

Many thanks to all who worked on the Festival and those who supported our efforts. And thank you to the residents of Glen Park for making it the wonderful community it is.

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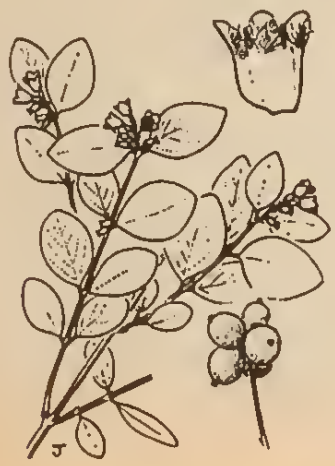
In Glen Canyon Park

with Jean Conner

Saturday, December 13 was an overcast, cold day. At 9 o'clock that morning in Glen Canyon Park, 13 volunteers gathered around Richard Craib's truck with their shovels in hand, ready to begin planting more than 100 native plants. The list of plants included yarrow, bush monkey flower, polypody fern, holly-leafed cherry, Douglas iris, pipe vine, snow berry, wax myrtle, blue elderberry, buck eye, California sage and cow parsnip. These were grown from seeds or cuttings from Glen Canyon Park or similar San Francisco natural areas. Many of the plants were adopted for the Park from the Friends of Glen Canyon Park booth at the 1997 Glen Park Festival in October.

Wax-myrtle



Snowberry

After a brief introduction on the best way to plant (a hole twice the size of the pot the plant is in) and an identification of the plants, we set out. Richard had carefully put out different colored flags to mark the places where plants should be placed, so that sun lovers and shade lovers would be planted where they would grow best. We divided up, with the younger volunteers climbing up the hillside and the older ones working in the more level areas. The volunteers ranged in age from mid-20s up to 79.

Hollyleaf Cherry

Once we got started planting we began warming up and jackets began to be shed. The morning went quickly and all the plants were soon in the ground. Most of the volunteers stayed to do some weeding before leaving at noon.

Blue Elderberry

A rain storm in the evening, followed by a warm, sunny day, ensured that the plants got a good start on their life in the Canyon.

A special thank-you is due to the volunteers who came out on that winter day: Jake Sigg from the California Native Society; Robin Honan with Recreation and Parks' Environmental Education Program; Richard and Sandi Craib, Jean Conner, Marie Oder, Barbara Alvarez and Jeff Laffranchini, members of Friends of Glen Canyon Park; Kathy Velykis, Dolan Eargle and Nadine Grey, volunteers on the Friends' monthly restoration work parties; and Glen Park residents Tom Huber and John Goldschmitt.

New Recreation and Park Evaluation Provides Training Opportunities for Young People

Zoanne Nordstrom

Joel Robinson, general manager of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, has announced creation of a Site Inspection Report as part of the reorganization of the department. This report will assess not only Rec and Park facilities, but also will evaluate programs and personnel. Robinson said this report will address lack of accountability, which has been an ongoing problem in Rec and Park.

The report contains a daily custodial checklist of indoor areas, restrooms and outside areas, which includes graffiti acknowledgment. Play areas are to be checked for glass, broken equipment, water fountains, damaged turf, lights, safety and all those areas that can cause safety or health problems for park users. In addition, programs will be evaluated and personnel rated on their effectiveness with the public.

Every supervisor on site must inspect his or her facility daily and record the date and time of the inspection. Every week the assistant supervisors must inspect the same facility, and the area/principal supervisors also inspect weekly. Every month the assistant supervisor must inspect his/her areas of responsibility.

These reports are reviewed quarterly by the division manager, and Robinson will review 30 facilities per quarter. The park commissioners will review 10 facilities per quarter as well. Each facility will be assigned a status such as gold, silver, bronze or red flag. This assessment tool will enable Rec and Park to know which facilities need what kinds of maintenance, which personnel are meeting their responsibilities with the communities they serve, and where attention should be focused.

Opportunities for Youth

All of this data is fed into the computer at Rec and Park headquarters. IBM Corporation has provided three programmers (pro Bonn) to devise a program to assess the data and keep a database on the information gathered from these reports. The work is to be done by young people; 50 recreation jobs are assigned to this project.

IBM will train the young people to take the information, and teach them how to put it into the system. In addition, IBM will put some of these workers into their own training program. This is a great opportunity. Those who are interested should apply to their local Recreation Center for information on this work program.

Citizen Advisory Boards

In February, a Neighborhood Services Department will be in operation at Rec and Park. Ms. Marsha Pendergast will be in charge. Part of her responsibility will be to develop Citizen Advisory Boards for each of the nine park districts. The inspection reports and assessments will be useful for the CABs looking at each of the nine districts. There will be representatives from each neighborhood park on the CAB for each park district.

The CAB's function will be to decide how to use individual neighborhood park sites. For example, do all sites need a gym? A stage? What kind of programs do we want in our local facility? Residents will make recommendations for facility use for their neighborhood's needs, and will plan for the future. Inform your local park staff if you are interested in working on a Citizen Advisory Board.

In the very near future, information on the inspection reports and assessments will be available on Rec and Park's Web Site. On any given day, a resident can get information on any of the neighborhood parks, its facilities and how they are rated for service, safety, program and personnel. In addition, it will be possible online for residents to make an assessment of park facilities that will be included in the database.

Thanks, Joel Robinson and park commissioners, for making this assessment available to park users.

Check It Out At The Library

Jane Hudson

We have received an exciting selection of new books over the past three months, and they're waiting on our book shelves for just the right readers. Please come in and take a look at them!

Here is a listing of our library programs for March and April:

ADULT PROGRAMS

Saturday, March 14, 2 p.m.: **Actor Al Geto** in a dramatic reading of Irish stories in observance of St. Patrick's Day.

Saturday, April 25, 2 p.m.: **Poetry Reading & Party.** It's National Library Week and National Poetry Month! Sign up to read a favorite poem. Open to children and adults. (Party sponsored by Friends of the Library).

Coming in May: **Nellie Wong,** poet, with **Flowing Stream Ensemhle**.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Wednesday, March 18, 7 p.m.: Celebrate **Women's History Month** with **Lisa Atkinson** performing songs about famous American women.

Wednesday, April 1, 7 p.m.: **Lawrence Lenske** presents a program of songs and stories.

Wednesday, April 22, 7 p.m.: Word for Word Theatre Company presents **"A Story, A Story"** and **"Wiley and the Hairy Man."**

Preschool storytimes and films on alternating Tuesdays at 10 and 10:45 a.m. Call for exact dates.

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Friends of Glen Canyon Park:
3rd Wednesday of the month
7:30 p.m.
Glen Park Recreation Center (Elk & Chenery Sts.)
March 18th
May 20th

Friends of Glen Canyon Plant Restoration:
3rd Saturday of the month
9 a.m. to noon
February 14th
March 21st
April 18th
May 16th
Meet behind the Recreation Center.

Spring Flower Walks in the Canyon:
3 Saturdays at 9 a.m.
February 14th
March 14st
April 11th
Meet behind the Recreation Center. For more information contact: Richard Craib, 648-0862, or Jean Conner, 584-8576.

Art Shows Coming to Cafe ?
Fehruary: Stephanie Forbes-Flower Photos
March: Jean Conner-Collage
April: Glen Park After School
May: Mary Young-Watercolors
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The Write Stuff

The Glen Park Community Festival sponsors a writing contest each year on the topic, "I like living in Glen Park because..."

Entries are limited to 300 words or less, and are judged in three categories: Age 10 and under, ages 11-17 and age 18 and older. Volunteers Jane Hudson, the Glen Park Branch librarian, and Jill Gasowski, of Glen Park Books, have chosen these winning entries from the 1996 and 1997 contests.

The winning essays and art are displayed at the Glen Park Branch Library.

Laurel Bosque (Age 9, Grade 4)

Young, brown haired Alice Waats walked down the muddy streets of Glen Park. A car went by splattering Alice with mud. "Darn those machines!" she exclaimed.

It was 1910, cars had just been invented. It was hard for an eleven year old girl to live in this time, a girl who was used to living with no "machines."

Alice hiked up the hill and into the quarry. She closed her eyes and imagined what Glen Park might be like. The quarry would be filled with children, all laughing and having fun.

Alice walked home. When she opened the door, SPLAT! A bunch of mud hit Alice. "Oooh!" She saw the grinning face of her frizzy headed brother, Henry. She chased him all over the house. But when she got to the wild backyard, she slipped and fell into the mud.

"Ha! Ha!" laughed Henry. Alice stomped into the kitchen and waited for her parents to come home. It seemed like it took forever, but finally, they arrived.

"What Happened?" asked Mom. Alice told them everything Henry did to her. "Henry Waats, you come down here!" yelled Dad. Henry sure got in trouble. But Alice was still mad. She burried Henry's tin soldier. Then she went to sleep.

That night, she dreamed that the tin soldier was coming for revenge. The next day she quickly unburried the tin soldier. This isn't a true story, but Henry and Alice are real people: Alice is my great-grandmother.

What I like most about living in Glen Park is the thought that my great-grand children might live here too.

Reece Tanega (Age 9)

I like living in Glen Park because its got everything you need. Its got schools, a laundry mat, a grocery store, a bookstore, a library, some places to eat, and a bart station. I've been going to these places for about 5 years now. I learned now about all the short cuts to all the places I talked about.

One of the things I talked about were schools. The two schools are a public and a private school. The two names are Glen Park and St. John's School. I think they are the most important things in Glen Park.

Another thing I talked about were places to eat. Some of the places were Sunset Pizza, Hong Sing, and Tigger's Cafe. One has Italian food, the other Chinese food, and the other has food mostly for breakfast. That's why I like living in Glen Park. The End.

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Myra Grace A. Dela Pena (Age 14)

-Well, I really like living in GlenPark because it is a peaceful, and wonderful neighborhood. What makes it wonderful is that the people living in it are nice, good, and respectful. I am so glad that I live in this neighborhood. Living here is one of the most wonderful things in the world. Also, it has a public library. Our house is near in that library. I don't have to take a bus to go there. I can just walk. Going in the library helps me a lot. Like when I'm searching and having a book report. I can just go there and ask the librarian for help. It really helps me in my school needs. I don't have much problems in my school regarding research and reports. Also living in GlenPark is comfortable and easy. My family doesn't have problems in taking the bus or Bart because it is just a few blocks away from our house. We can go to places easily. Like when my brother and I go to school. We just go out of the house, walk a few blocks and there's the bus stop. Also, if we need canned foods, kitchen needs, refreshments, and dry cleaning, we can easily go. We don't have to take a bus or go to certain places. GlenPark has also a huge park and it is easy for my family to go and have a picnic. Also, it is easy for me, my brother and sister to go and play tennis, baseball, and sometimes go to the slides and swings. There is lots more out there in GlenPark. It's a nice place to spend Saturday and Sunday. Every October the GlenPark association celebrates a festival which encourages each and everyone to join and participate. It helps the people living in this neighborhood to have an easy and comfortable life. I am very proud of my neighborhood, it is not just peaceful, it is also clean.

Galen Reich (Age 4)

(Dictated to my Mum and Dad) I like living in Glen Park because it has everything we need. A bookshop with children's books; a pizza place and our home. A shop with yellow Chinese, Japanese or Hiragana. Their lights are on at night and we buy fried rice from there.

All different food—bread from Germany, cheese from all different countries from Rick's shop.

We have a BART that carries people all different places in America. The flower shop has balloons and I thank you for the flowers. My library has books, I read books and watch movies there. One night I saw a puppet show about a dragon.

Tsipora Prochovnick (Age 6)

I like living in Glen Park because it's pretty, very pretty. There's lots of pretty trees and pretty parks. (Footnote: Tsipora's award-winning painting may be viewed at the Glen Park Branch Library.)

Katia Noves (Over 18)

THE UNDISCOVERED NEIGHBORHOOD

"Glen Park? Where's that?" my friends asked when I moved.

"Oh...it's a quiet, little magical place at the edge of the city," I could have answered if I had known then what I know now.

I soon discovered the friendly wine store, cheese store and the cozy library. The notorious nineteenth-century mansion and the many stories from its rowdy past. My mix of neighbors: Lawyer, painter, electrician, schoolteachers. Gay, straight, Latino, black, white, old, young and ... unclassifiable.

It's the first place I've ever lived that friendly neighbors introduced themselves. But the real reason that Glen Park is special, even magical, is places like Goat Hill and Glen Canyon.

When you stand on Goat Hill, the city rolls away from your feet in crests and valleys. Bernal, Potrero, the Mission, a jumble of sky scrapers, the sweeping arc of the Bay Bridge. A hundred fifty years

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Consumer Smarts ...

A Guide for the Perplexed

Ellis Gans

Tips on Buying by Phone or Mail

How do you protect yourself when buying by phone or mail when you've only seen the product on TV or in print? If you have a choice, phone the order so you can ask these questions:

1. Ask if the person works for the company or a third-party order taker. In either case, record that person's name and the date.

2. How many days do you have in which to return the product if it isn't what you expected?

3. Can you get a full or partial refund, or credit (full or partial)? If you only get a credit, how long will it be valid?

4. Is the return/refund policy in writing, and does it come with the product? If not, ask for a copy before you buy.

5. Does the product have a warranty? If so, is it limited or unconditional? Does it cover labor as well as parts? How long is it for? If there is no local repair station, who pays for shipping each way?

6. If the product is electrical or mechanical, ask where to go for repairs. Is there a West Coast repair station? If so, you might want to check with them as to product reliability, or go look at the product.

It is best to use a credit card for phone and mail orders instead of a personal check. If you have multiple credit cards, use the card whose close-of-billing date is furthest from your date of purchase. This way, if the product arrives before you have to pay for it, you'll have some time to check it out.

When the product arrives, check the package for signs of obvious damage. If you find any, you might want to insist it be returned to the sender. Make note of any shipping numbers and call the company to explain.

If the damage is discovered after you open the package, call the company. Describe the problem carefully. Until this matter is resolved, keep careful notes of each person you talk to (their name, date, what they promised and when). Many companies are very good about taking care of problems promptly. Some are not (you probably won't know beforehand). Never assume that just because you spoke to someone the problem will automatically be resolved. Phone conversations are ephemeral. If the company is back East, try to use their toll-free number if they have one. If they don't, keep track of your toll calls (date and cost).

Always try to get the company to promise to fix the problem by a definite date. It is up to you to follow up. If the remedy doesn't happen by the date promised, call the next business day and try to speak to the same person as before. Don't be put off by excuses!

Ellis Gans is a retired electrical contractor who volunteers his time as a consumer advisor for "KGO Consumer Hotline" and "Channel 7 on Your Side." Consumer questions can be phoned to the station Monday through Friday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at 954-8151. Gans is also a business counselor for SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) and treasurer of the Glen Park Association.

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ago Ohlone tribes waded through the marshes; enormous flocks of birds made the sky dark with their flight. It's good to see, if nothing else, the shape of the land endures.

Glen Canyon...in winter the creek spills through, and the northern hillscape is lush with moist green. When the rain stops, the birds sing.

In autumn, lie under the eucalyptus and the crescent shaped leaves will fall on the grass around you. The wind rustles and whirls way up high.

In spring, baseball games appear on the field from afternoon till dark. The blackberry grows white flowers; the wild iris sprouts tiny purple fronds; dandelion fluff tickles through the air.

It's in summer that I bring my friends. We climb the cliffs and turn to look out over the canyon. The wild wind makes our hair stick out. We sit and lean back against the sun-warmed old striated rocks, and we breathe the open, undeveloped, untampered air. It's times like that I really can't complain. And no matter who I bring, they always look astonished and say: "I never knew a place like this existed."

Alice Rogoff (Over 18)

The street I live on, Joost Avenue, has music that I can hear around me. I hear congas playing from a hill above me, and jazz emanating from garages.

They say stories have beginnings, middles, and ends. So do streets. And music usually resolves in some way.

My walk up Joost brings me back from my other life, Downtown. Walking through a demonstration, a rise of steam from unexplained sources, urban sidewalks. Then, I return to this enclave of flowers and pine cones. The two parts of the day complement each other.

When walking down my street, there is a gate along a fence with signs informing of things being given away. I read these notes above boxes of books and greeting cards. A woman disappears behind a fence. One day, I stopped and took a magazine about sea lions. Once, the mysterious lady had a sign about tap dance auditions for those under eighteen. I tried a few steps. Too old for that.

The neighborhood stretches from a small shopping district. Many of the houses are cottages or resemble farmhouses. For a few years now, I have had my little house. I can sit with my dog and cat. Figure out the plants. Why the plum tree appears to be dead and then starts to put out leaves.

The house has so many corners and arches. Each corner has another reminiscence.

Black birds call out. The wrens in the rose bushes. A universe based on the fluctuations of the birds.

One day, my cat arrives with bells on his collar, placed by a neighbor who worries about the birds.

My walk on the street has its start and conclusion. But the music tends to come from all around me, overlapping in unexpected, unpredictable ways.

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Please take a moment to fill out the attached survey, so that we are made aware of the areas where improvement is needed. We wish to make every effort to provide you with the highest level of service possible. Additionally, as I read the daily reports that come across my desk, I often wish that I had some way of constantly apprising residents of crime trends in their neighborhoods. Although I provide these updates as Major Cases handouts at each community forum, I would like to get this information out sooner so that all residents are on the lookout for known criminals operating in their neighborhoods.

To that end, I would like to begin a Neighborhood Fax Tree, in which each neighborhood has one or more fax lines that we could use to send out crime information as soon as it becomes available. For example, if we know that a particular burglar is working the Glen Park area, we could immediately fax out his description and MO to every listed fax line in that neighborhood, and those members receiving this information could then pass it on to others through phone calls, personal contact, etc. If you would like to participate in such a program, please provide your fax number on the attached survey.

Have a happy and safe New Year, and I look forward to seeing you in 1998.

Sincerely, Captain Rick Bruce

1997 Ingleside District Survey

1) If any Ingleside officers responded to your home/business in 1997, how would you rate the quickness of their response:
1 (slow) 2 3 (average) 4 5 (quick)

2) If you had occasion to interact with any members of Ingleside Station in 1997, how would you rate their demeanor:
1 (uncaring) 2 3 (average) 4 5 (professional)

3) Regarding your block/neighborhood/merchant group, how would you rate the level of interaction that members of Ingleside Station had with your group?
1 (none) 2 3 (occasional) 4 5 (frequent)

4) Overall, based on your 1997 interactions with officers from Ingleside Station, how would you rate them:
1 (poor) 2 3 (average) 4 5 (positive)

OPTIONAL INFORMATION

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____

( ) I would like to be a part of a neighborhood fax tree and be alerted to any crime conditions in my neighborhood.

Neighborhood _____ Fax Number _____

Captain Rick Bruce of Ingleside Police Station would appreciate your response to this survey. Please answer and send to Captain Bruce at Ingleside Police Station, #1 Sgt. John V. Young Lane, San Francisco, CA 94112.

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GPA Committee Updates:

Traffic & Parking *Linda Montgomery*

Bruce Bonacker and Linda Montgomery represented the Association at the October "Quality of Life" meeting held by the Department of Public Works. A total of 41 potential improvements were identified that would improve the neighborhood. The majority of suggestions related to traffic, parking and transit issues.

In November, Bruce and Linda met with a traffic engineer and walked around the downtown Glen Park area to visually inspect the areas where improvements would be beneficial. In January, Linda spent a morning in the rain with a representative of BART to discuss many of the transportation-specific issues.

This is an ongoing project. Although 41 recommendations have been made, each of the affected City agencies will have to study the potential impact and respond to the neighborhood. Progress and implementation will take time.

Our adjoining neighborhood, Inner Mission Terrace, has been plagued with big-rig cabs overnighting on their narrow streets. They have worked with the Department of Parking and Traffic, and now a number of streets have restricted parking: "No Commercial Vehicles." There were also a number of "used car" sale operations run out of garages, and the neighbors have worked hard to eliminate them. We need to be watchful to prevent these types of activities from moving into Glen Park.

A reminder: It is time to renew your "D" parking sticker if you live in a restricted area. I think this is a great $21 insurance policy against a $33 ticket for overstaying the 2- or 4-hour limit. Remember, January 31, 1998 was the deadline.

Finally, remember to keep DPT/DPW numbers handy. The ones I use the most frequently are:

Parking (ticketing and/or towing) 6 a.m.-10 p.m. 553-1200
Abandoned Vehicles (call Parking) 553-1200
Street Lighting (lights out, etc) 554-0730

Publication *Nora Dowley*

Please note that the submittal deadline for the Spring 1998 issue is **April 15, 1998**. Electronic submittal of all material is preferred-if your artwork for an ad or illustration was created on a computer, please pass along a disk with a hard copy for verification.

Glen Park Association Survey

Dear Neighhors: You can really help us with a survey relating to past events. In the last two years, the Glen Park Association has created a Web Site, upgraded the Newsletter to a tabloid format newspaper, applied for and received 501(c)(3) nonprofit status, held two community festivals, had barbecues and holiday parties, and engaged speakers of city-wide interest such as Emilio Cruz, Rev. Cecil Williams, Assemblyman Kevin Shelley, Judge Donna Little and Captain Rick Bruce of Ingleside Police Station, to inform our community of what is going on in the city.

We want to continue to meet the needs of our Association and can best do this if we have some input from you. So please take a few minutes to answer the following questions:

1. PROGRAMS:
   A. What speakers would you like the Association to invite?
   B. What informational topics would you like addressed?
   C. What programs would you like to have? (For example, more information and slide show about wildflowers in Glen Canyon Park? More parties? Community involvement in specific areas?

2. COMMUNITY FESTIVAL: If you attended the festival, please answer the following questions:
   A. What did you like ahout the festival?
   B. What didn't you like about the festival (other than the weather)?
   C. What suggestions do you have for the next one?

3. GLEN PARK NEWS:
   A. Do you think the Glen Park News addresses the major concerns of the neighborhood?
   B. What subjects would you like to see addressed in future issues?

Please send your answers to Glen Park Association, P.O. Box 31292, San Francisco, CA 94131, or bring them to the next meeting of the Association.

The new voicemail phone number for the Glen Park Association is 908-6728. Messages can be left for officers, committee chairs or for general information.

Trees for Glen Park!

Kristin Nash

Friends of the Urban Forest is sponsoring an upcoming tree planting in Glen Park. Usually it costs about $300 to plant a tree in the sidewalk, but in this group planting, it will cost only $25 per tree (including its first pruning)! Trees have many wonderful benefits, including:

* beautifying the neighborhood
* blocking wind
* absorbing traffic noise
* cleaning the air
* increasing property values

We are hoping to plant our trees this spring, so please call as soon as possible. We need a minimum number of participants, so SIGN UP NOW. Don't miss this opportunity! For more information and to sign up, call 586-4535.

Reinhabiting Home

is a Web Site created to provide an online forum for many issues addressed by the Sustainability Plan of the City. Diverse topics on the site include air quality, hazardous materials, transportation and municipal expenditures. The address is http://www.lumiere.net/home

Neighborhood Emergency Response Team

Andrea O'Leary

The Glen Park Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) had a popular informational booth at the annual Glen Park Community Festival in October, staffed by Shauna Woods, Glen Park; Daniel Grumet, Excelsior; Bob Jacklevich, Potrero Hill; and Andrea O'Leary, Sunnyside. The team did not hold an October practice session, which would have taken place the previous day.

The booth received a lot of attention from a neighborhood that takes much pride in its area. The team concept was discussed and received with great interest, and a list of people interested in the NERT training was compiled. Emergency packs were displayed, and a seismic map of San Francisco attracted lots of attention.

The Glen Park Team is currently without a team coordinator. If you are interested in the fun and challenge of working to further Glen Park's preparedness for emergencies, please call Bob Jacklevich, coordinators' chair at 282-4195 or Andrea O'Leary, Sunnyside coordinator for shared events at 334-3601. Forthcoming NERT trainings:

Glen Park: Tuesday evenings at 6:30, from April 21 through May 26.

Location: Glen Park School, 151 Lippard at Bosworth.

Sunnyside-Mt. Davidson-Ingleside-St. Francis Wood: Wednesday evenings at 6:30, from April 15th through May 20.

Location: Sunnyside Elementary School, 250 Foerster at Hearst.

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